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In re Application of	:	
WATKINS, Dave, et al.	:	
Application No.: 10/564,870	:	DECISION
PCT No.: PCT/EP2004/007159	:	
Int. Filing Date: 01 July 2004	:	ON PETITION UNDER
Priority Date: 17 July 2003	:	
Docket No.: 026032-4980	:	37 CFR 1.47(a)
For: SEAT AND METHOD FOR TILTING A	:	
SEAT	:	

This is a decision on applicants' renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 19 March 2008.

BACKGROUND

On 23 November 2007, the Office mailed Decision On Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(a), dismissing applicant's petition without prejudice.

On 19 March 2008, applicants filed this renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), accompanied by the fee for a two month extension of time.

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47 must be accompanied by: (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h), (2) proof of pertinent facts, namely that the inventor refuses to sign after being presented with the application papers or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by the 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning applicant.

Items (1), (3) and (4) were previously satisfied. (1) The petition fee of \$200 has been paid. (3) The petition lists the last known addresses of non-signing inventor Dave Watkins as 1 Beech AV, Calegree, GB - Stockport. (4) The declaration complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) and 1.47(a).

Item (2) has now been satisfied.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the nonsigning inventor at his last known address of record.

A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of Patent Application Processing for continued national stage processing of the application, including accordation of a 35 U.S.C. §371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) date of 12 April 2007.

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Dear Mr. Watkins:

You are named as an inventor in the above-captioned United States national stage application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. The counsel for the applicant is listed below. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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